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IMMEDIATE HEADQUARTERS

STATION (INCL [REDACTED] NO ATTEMPT TO EFFECTIVELY
SHARE IN PLANNING OF PROFESSIONALLY EXECUTED MILITARY COUP,
LET ALONE TO SECOND GUESS RINGLEADERS. AFTER BRINGING
TOGETHER WITH [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
DISCREETLY WITHDREW WHEN [REDACTED] POINTEDLY STATED "THIS
CHILEAN MATTER". WE SOMEHOW FEEL THAT THIS WHOLE OPERATION
SO UNPROFESSIONAL AND INSECURE THAT, IN CHILEAN SETTING, IT
COULD STAND FAIR CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING. ASSUMING REF DATA
AVAILABLE, WHAT DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE? UNDER RULES OF
ENGAGEMENT, ALL STA REQUIRED TO DO IS TO RENDER HELP (IF
ASKED) AND ASSURE PLOTTERS THAT THEY WILL NOT BE LEFT HIGH
AND DRY IF THEIR COUP SUCCEEDS. THIS WE HAVE DONE. HQS
SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT RECOGNITION FOLLOWS ON HEELS OF
SUCCESSFUL COUP AND THAT U.S. OFFICIALDOM NOT PERMITTED TO
THROW SPANNER INTO MACHINERY.

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